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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Edwin Meese III
Counsellor to the President

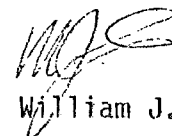
SUBJECT: Violence in Egypt

Supplementing our telephone conversation this afternoon, the violence reported in Egypt involved attacks on police stations in Assiut, a university town in southern Egypt. This is a center of Islamic fundamentalism and we do not think these isolated incidents detract from the stability which appears to prevail in the country generally. There has thus far been no reflection of this in Cairo.

[redacted] telephoned Cap Weinberger this morning and said that everything is calm and normal.

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I have directed a full review of all available camera coverage and interviews of knowledgeable eyewitnesses we know in order to collect a full and comprehensive account of what happened and to identify any deficiencies and indications of unusual influences about which we should know. I will be getting regular current reports on this inquiry and will pass along anything of significance.



William J. Casey

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